

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-4, 7-14, 23, and 24, drawn to a gene targeting vector comprising an exogenous gene and an entire or partial region of the ZO-1 gene.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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